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CONNECTOR COUPLING/DECOUPLING TOOL	}	Paul T. Chin
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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed 7/14/2004 in the above application, kindly amend this application as follows:

Specification

Substitute the following new Abstract for the Abstract in the application as filed in accordance with the suggestions of the Examiner.

**--Abstract**

A connector tool for holding a cable connector, such as a fiber optic or similar connector, for coupling and/or decoupling the connector into or from a connector port in an area having a high density of connector ports. The connector tool comprises a sleeve and a gripper, wherein the gripper has fingers that form a slot for engaging the connector. The fingers are drawn into the sleeve to form a compartment in interlocking engagement with the connector. In one embodiment, the connector tool can handle a SC fiber optic cable connector. In another embodiment, the connector tool can handle an electrical cable connector. The tool also may have a slot for receiving the cable connected to the connector. The method for holding a cable connector using the tool during coupling and decoupling of the connector into or from a connector port is also shown.--